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**From:** Blumenfeld, Jared  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2014 7:11 AM  
**To:** Strauss, Alexis  
**Subject:** Fwd: R9 Weekender

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**From:** "[REDACTED] McCarthy, Gina" <[REDACTED] [McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov](mailto:McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** December 15, 2014 at 4:21:17 AM PST  
**To:** "Blumenfeld, Jared" <[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)>  
**Subject:** Re: R9 Weekender

I will give it a try.

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On Dec 14, 2014, at 10:00 PM, Blumenfeld, Jared <[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)> wrote:

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On Dec 14, 2014, at 6:26 PM, "Adm13McCarthy, Gina" <[Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov](mailto:Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Jared. You have a great list of good and bad issues. That's life I guess.

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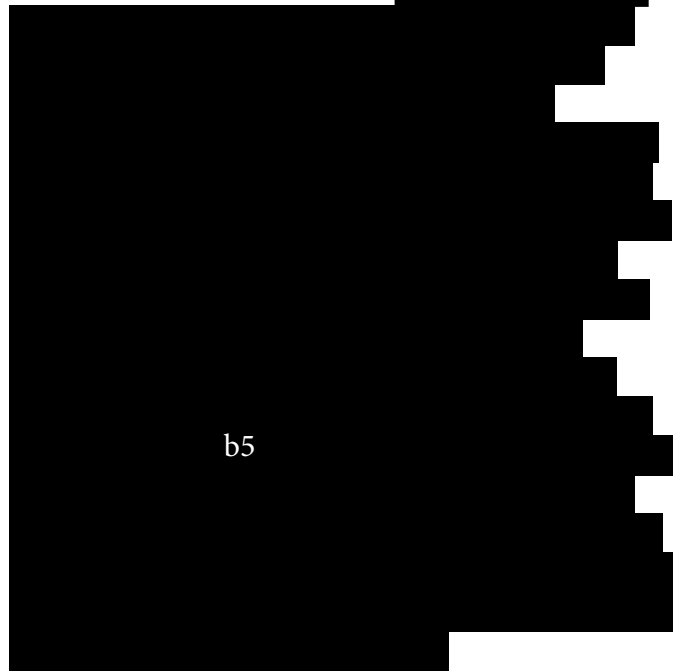
Thanks for all the great work and success.

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On Dec 14, 2014, at 7:53 PM, Blumenfeld, Jared <[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)> wrote:

Gina:

**San Francisco Bay Wetlands:**



**CFC:** Our staff hosted a very successful silent auction, raising \$1000 from the donation of various items.

**Renovation:** The opening of our first four LEED Platinum floors will occur on Monday. I continue to address issues with GSA regarding our child-care center, which will likely close at the end of the fiscal year, and discussed these with Stan. The R9 GSA RA has resigned. Her last day in office will be Dec 31.

**Marine Debris Webinar:** On Dec 16, I will speak at the region's kick-off event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the SDWA in Coachella Valley, CA. The event will highlight SDWA successes and discuss challenges for small drinking water systems. Invited speakers include Congressman Ruiz, CA State Water Resources Control Board, County of Riverside DEH, Coachella Valley Water District, and Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation. Pueblo Unido CDC is a local nonprofit organization that has been a key

player in getting small rural communities in Eastern Coachella Valley clean and safe drinking water. The event will be at a trailer park that recently installed under-sink arsenic treatment devices.

**Communities:** We forwarded the names of 5 communities to OP per your October 28 request: Imperial County (CA), Gilroy (CA), Las Vegas (NV), American Samoa, and the Gila River Tribe (AZ). Each of these investments has particular focus and leadership within our Region, and we look forward to coordinating the AAs support, and leveraging our Federal, State and local partners.

**San Diego Asthma Bond Project Selected to Receive Research Funding:** You remember our trip together to the Asthma project in Fresno? Well, we are expanding! R9's San Diego Asthma Bond research proposal was selected for funding through ORD's Regional Applied Research Effort program. The \$60,000 in funding will be used to conduct a retrospective analysis of asthma-related cost savings and health benefits of San Diego's existing Healthy Homes program, documenting the return on investment for potential investors that may support a future Asthma Health Impact Bond in San Diego. If successful, the Asthma Bond approach would provide sustainable and replicable financing for asthma programs in San Diego.

**Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP), Oakland:** On Dec 17, I will announce a \$600,000 EPA grant at West Oakland Middle School Health Center to the Public Health Institute's RAMP program to help school-based health centers (SBHCs) across the country prevent and manage asthma in children. Under EPA's grant, RAMP and its partner, the California School-Based Health Alliance (CSBHA), will: develop an Asthma Environmental Intervention Guide for SBHCs nationwide that identifies actions to prevent and

manage environmental asthma triggers at school and at home; conduct intensive trainings at 45 SBHCs in California, Michigan, New York, and Connecticut; and convene a national learning collaborative.

**Navajo Nation Abandoned Uranium Mines:**

Tomorrow we will join ATSDR and Indian Health Service to deliver a training session for approximately 90 Navajo Nation Community Health Representatives (CHRs) in Window Rock. The goal of the training session is to provide key information to CHRs on the abandoned uranium mines and contaminated water sources on Navajo Nation, show examples of warning signage, list health effects of community uranium exposure, and provide tips for avoiding contact with uranium and for general preventive health care. On Dec 17, we will give a presentation on the Five-Year Plan to the Navajo Health, Education and Human Services Committee.

I know how crazy last week was for you. Hope this one is a lot better.